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AQSIQ Notice for Administration of Imported Infant Formula Powder

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Report Highlights:

The Chinese General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine notice dated September 27, 2013 provided new measures for strengthening administration of imported infant formula powder. The measures set requirements for labeling, registration, and shelf life of imported infant formula powder products.

This report provides an un-official translation of the notice.

General Information:

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AQSIQ Notice concerning Strengthening Administration of Imported Infant Formula Powder

Public Notice [2013] No. 133

To implement the State Council's instructions related to infant formula powder quality and safety, AQSIQ hereby releases public notices concerning the following requirements.

1. Infant formula powder in this public notice refers to infant formula powder for infants, follow-up infants and young children.
2. Foreign manufacturing facilities that export infant formula powder to China shall, pursuant to the "Administrative Measures on Inspection and Quarantine of Import and Export of Dairy Products" (AQSIQ Decree 152), the "Administrative Measures for Registration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food." (AQSIQ Decree 145), and the "AQSIQ Notice Publishing the 'Implementation Catalogue for Registration of Overseas Manufacturers of Imported Food'" (AQSIQ Public Notice [2013] No.62), get registered (with the competent Chinese authority). Starting from May 1, 2014, China prohibits importation of infant formula powder from foreign manufacturing facilities that have not registered.
3. China prohibits importation of infant formula powder that has less than three months shelf life left when cleared at the CIQ (China Inspection and Quarantine, AQSIQ's local branches).
4. It is prohibited to import infant formula powder in bulk package and repackaging after importation; the imported infant formula powder must be packaged in the smallest retail package sold to consumers.
5. Starting from April 1, 2014, a label in Chinese for imported infant formula powder must be directly printed on the smallest package for distribution before entering China, instead of applying the label in China (after import). Products that do not have the (printed) Chinese label, or the Chinese label fails to comply with relevant Chinese laws, regulations or national food safety standards, shall be returned or destroyed as unqualified products.

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements in this notice will be implemented from the date of issuance of this notice.

AQSIQ
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